

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WOOD
GIRARD
BENTLEY
MONTESI
TAYLOR
FRASIER
STRAINER

OTHERS PRESENT:

KAREN PUTNEY, ADMINISTRATOR, FIRE PREVENTION & BUILDING CODE
ENFORCEMENT
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
BEN DRISCOLL, MEMBER OF THE GLENS FALLS COMMON COUNCIL
AMANDA ALLEN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Wood called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 1:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Montesi and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the prior Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Mrs. Wood announced the purpose of the meeting was to continue interviewing candidates interested in the Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement Administrator position that would become vacant upon the August 15th retirement of Karen Putney, which would be held during an executive session. Mrs. Wood noted the presence of Ben Driscoll, Member of the Glens Falls Common Council, and she asked if he would like to address the Committee.

Mr. Driscoll explained he was in attendance to express his appreciation for the efforts of Bud York, Warren County Sheriff, and his staff for attending a meeting on the prior evening at the Glens Falls City Hall which had featured a question and answer session regarding the City's exploration of a possible consolidation of law enforcement services with Warren County. He advised that five members of the Warren County Board of Supervisors had also joined the meeting and he thanked them for their attendance, as well as the rest of the members of the Board of Supervisors and Warren County for their assistance in what he understood would be a long exploration and consideration process.

Mr. Montesi questioned whether the initiative was feasible and Mr. Driscoll replied that there was a lot of information to consider when undertaking a process that would affect positions governed by Civil Service Law. He noted that a similar consolidation process was being considered for services between the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office and the Jamestown Police Department and he said they were in their fifth year of exploration. Locally, Mr. Driscoll apprised that the Town of Corinth and City of Hudson Falls had considered the same options but had decided that the prospective consolidation was not feasible for a number of reasons. He concluded that he felt the proposed consolidation of services between Warren County and the City of Glens Falls merited review, but he said he was unsure whether the initiative would come to fruition.

Mrs. Wood requested a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to enter into an executive session, pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officer's Law.

Executive session was held from 1:04 p.m. to 3:59 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Mrs. Wood confirmed that no action had been taken during the executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Mr. Girard, Mrs. Wood adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Allen, Deputy Clerk of the Board